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Student Life Committee Meeting
Warden Dining Room
10/29/2013

Attendees

Members: Yusheng Yao, Brooke Pankau, Alex Grimm, Ed Leffler, Rachel Newcomb, Adriana Talbot, Alice Davidson, Heidi Limongi, Jana Mathews, Scott Rubarth, Gabe Anderson, Zeynep Teymurolu

Guests: Raquel Ells, John Frelinghuysen, Karen Hater, Ken Miller

I. Minutes from 10/1/2013 meeting approved

II. Debriefing of SGA issues-Brooke

- If a student is admitted to the hospital for drinking-related concerns, his/her visit is reported to Rollins. Some students will not go to the hospital under these conditions because they don't want their visit reported. SGA is working on exploring a policy change.
- Campus Pub-John
SGA is continuing the discussion about generating a proposal for a campus pub. This space (an expansion of Dave's Down Under) would allow upperclassman, faculty, alumni and staff to come together on campus in an informal environment. It also would be a place to promote responsible drinking on campus.
 - Alice and Rachel noted that the idea for the pub was presented to the faculty last year and the faculty supported it.
 - Karen added that the administration supports the idea of a campus pub as well. When the discussion of campus center renovation fell apart, the conversation about the pub fell by the wayside.
 - In Ken's opinion, a campus pub might struggle to stay financially solvent, as only 25% of students are of legal drinking age, there are several local venues that serve alcohol that are close to campus.
 - Karen echoed that other campuses in the ACS consortium have pubs on campus, but they are not widely utilized.
 - Gabe countered that they have one at Richmond which is wildly successful because it serves pub food and features live music and entertainment.
 - Ed articulated SGA's commitment to changing campus culture about alcohol, noting that current alcohol policy pushes people off campus. SGA has taken a broader vision of addressing deficiencies in campus culture and pub is one possible solution.

III. Discussion about Student Values and goals of Student Affairs

- Karen: What should guide the work of Student Affairs? How can we best help the students have this integrated experience that we talk about? What are the gaps that are preventing Student Affairs from making this happen? The following thoughts were put forward by the student members of this committee:
 - Need for greater institutional transparency with regards to campus funds. People pay a lot of money to go to Rollins and want to know where money

is going.

- Inaccessibility of campus to students with disabilities. Only two test taking rooms available to students (and both are often overbooked).
- Concerns about empowerment of student ideas. Instead of telling students that “there are resources out there” but be more intentional in directing students to those resources.
- Top-heavy student leadership.
- There is a perception that students are underrepresented on standing campus committees
- Dining Services is a “mouthpiece only committee.”
- No sense of pride in Rollins (low attendance at sporting events etc). Nothing to do on weekends (lots of students are going home).

The following ideas were put forward for exploration and possible development:

- Increased number of community events (BBQ with faculty, Halloween Howlsh events) and more faculty-student-staff social activities.
- More opportunities to build stronger connections between academic and extracurricular lives (ex. community engagement courses, experiential learning opportunities, immersions)
- life skills (how to get a credit card, buy a house etc).
- Having a beer tent at a sporting event as a test run for on campus pub
- More professional networking opportunities for students
- Making Career Services more accessible. They do a great job, but you have to seek them out. Changing the name of Career Services to something more “sexy.”
- Creation of organizational meeting space and student office space. Mills is old, difficult to navigate.
- Careers courses.

IV. Ken Miller Briefing of Campus Safety Issue

- This semester there have been 5 sexual offenses on campus (not including Title IX investigations), 2 domestic violence cases, and 8 students have been transported to the hospital. The College’s increased education about sexual harassment has led to this increased reporting. Ken expects that the numbers will continue to rise over the next few years. Ken advocates having more proactive conversations with men on campus about drugs, alcohol, and the definition of “consent.” The Athletics department is uniquely positioned to start these conversations.
- Campus Safety does not want to be the smoking police. Ken believes that if you are a member of campus community and see someone smoking, you need to have internal fortitude to redirect students to appropriate areas.
- Courtesy escorts on campus are “out of control.” Typical number of calls per week is 900. Campus Safety currently is averaging 1300 calls for service every week. Ken suggests exploring the possibility of developing a walking escort service that is run by student orgs, including FSL communities.
- Rollins Relief: Having an emergency drill on January 8.

V. Rachel-SHIP Grant

* A group of 4-5 students are presenting papers at an upcoming academic conference and all are seeking financial support. Should we put a cap on conference travel funds? The committee decided to set a cap of domestic SHIP grants related to conference travel at \$250.00.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:45pm